

First Unitarian - Special Congregational Meeting

April 30, 2023

Call to Order:

Time: **4:45 pm**

Quorum (sign-in sheet - attachment 1): 26 of 43 registered members (19 in person, 7 on Zoom)

Presidential Remarks - Charlie Neiss

Approval of Agenda

- Meeting Called to Order
- President's Remarks
- Approval of minutes from 6/12/22
- Dissolution of the Society
- Distribution of assets
- Authorize the board to act on behalf of the congregation
- Waive the bylaws to allow dissolution and distribution of assets
- Board Election for year beginning July 1
- Approval of budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1
- Adjournment

Moved: Melissa Logan

Seconded: Chris Baglieri

Discussion: Question raised about the election of the board and approval of budget. Charlie explained that this is necessary in case any work required to dissolve extends beyond June 30th.

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - Annual meeting June 12, 2022

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the membership approves the minutes of the annual meeting held on June 12th, 2022, as presented.

Moved: Charlie Neiss

Seconded: Chris Baglieri

Discussion: Chris commented that he was there.

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Motion to Dissolve and Distribute Assets

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield approves the dissolution of the corporation and directs the Board of Trustees to act on the dissolution as expeditiously as possible after May 21st, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members approve the operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 2023, as presented at this meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members approve the plan to distribute all remaining financial assets as follows and directs the Board of Trustees to begin the distribution of assets immediately, reserving sufficient funds required for operating expenses until the completion of the dissolution action,

1. All operating funds remaining after all expenses have been paid and liabilities discharged shall be distributed to the Unitarian Universalist Congregations nominated by members in proportion to votes cast,
2. An amount drawn from the Restricted Fund and the Heritage Fund, equal to the forecast residual operating funds, shall be distributed to Share-the-Plate recipient organizations nominated by members in proportion to votes cast,
3. All remaining assets in the Restricted Fund and the Heritage Fund shall be transferred to Beacon UU Congregation of Summit which shall use the income and principal of these funds to support social justice organizations First Unitarian currently supports, and other similar causes, as funds are available, in the Greater Plainfield area,
4. All assets in the Angel Scholarship Fund shall be distributed in equal shares as scholarship grants to minor children of current members,

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the congregation authorizes the Board to act on its behalf in any matter requiring congregational action.

Moved: Guenevere Zucker

Seconded: Chris Riley

Discussion: Question raised by Peter Jones about legal name of society. Charlie confirmed that the society is legally incorporated in the state of New Jersey as First Unitarian Society of Plainfield. Question raised by Mark Williams about mechanics of selecting pools 1 & 2. Charlie discussed the form that will be sent to all members. Chris and Charlie discussed how the distribution framework was developed and how Beacon was selected to manage the funds.

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Yes: 26

No: 0

Motion to Waive Bylaws

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the membership waives Article XI, Paragraph H of the By Laws and authorizes the use of endowment funds for expenses related to dissolution, consistent with approved budgets, including the use of the Bieber Fund to support the operating budget, and the distribution of the remaining endowment funds by the Board of Trustees as previously approved by the membership of the Society.

Moved: Dan Zucker

Seconded: Chris Riley

Discussion: Resolution explained

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote

Yes: 26

No: 0

Procedural Discussion: Vote for New Board: Charlie Neiss

Review the need to elect a new board and the procedure for doing so

Motions to Solicit Nominations from the Floor

Moved that the floor is Open to nominations

Moved: Dan Zucker

Seconded: Anne Troop

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

No nominations were made

Moved that the floor is Closed to nominations

Moved: Melissa Logan

Seconded: Guenevere Zucker

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Approval of the slate

Nominee (Position)	For	Against
Alice Logie (Secretary)		
Bonnie Rowan (Member-at-Large)		
Carolyn Cochrane (Member-at-Large)		

Moved: Chris Riley

Seconded: Sarah Muller-Robbins

Discussion: It was stated that “They’re all good people”

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Voting en bloc since all three positions are unopposed: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Motion to Approve Budget for 2023-2024

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield approves the budget as presented for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, consisting of \$18,693 in expenses with commensurate offsetting usage of the Bieber Fund (attachment 2).

Moved: Chris Riley

Seconded: Martha Reading

Discussion: Question raised about using an archival service to retain records. Charlie responded that the lawyer was asked and the response was that this isn’t necessary. Charlie stated that the board will discuss this and that the budget includes expenses that will not be incurred so there are funds available, should the decision be made to use such a service.

Vote: Approved by unanimous vote (one member left before this vote was taken)

Yes: 25

No: 0

Closing Remarks - Charlie Neiss

Motion to Adjourn

Time: 5:45

Moved: Dan Zucker

Seconded: Guenevere Zucker

Discussion:

Vote: Approved by unanimous voice vote

Attachment # 1

First Unitarian

First Name	Last Name	Signature
Chris	Baglieri	Chris Baglieri
Ken	Beck	
Lynette	Birkins	
May	Carter	20017
Cass	Cochrane	
Helen	Davis	
Lois	DeRitter	Lois M. DeRitter
Maureen	Erwin	Maureen Erwin
Lilian	Goss	
Karin	Harris	
Carol	Hemington	20017
Maisha	James	
Peter	Jones	Peter Jones
Carol	LaPierre	
Melissa	Logan	Melissa Logan
Alice	Logie	Alice D. Logie
Joanne	Macaluso	Joanne Macaluso
Sarah	Muller-Robbins	Sarah Muller-Robbins
Charlie	Neiss	Charlie Neiss
Kassandra	Neiss	
Sara	Neiss	
Mary Elizabeth	O'Connor	
Bob	Obester	
Stephanie	Pollak	Stephanie Pollak
Martha	Reading	Martha Reading
Kate	Riegel	20017
Chris	Riley	Chris Riley
Bonnie	Rowan	Bonnie Rowan
Denise	Soppas	Denise Soppas
Diane	Sutterlin	20017
Mike	Sutterlin	20017
Charlie	Sweeney	
Anne	Troop	Anne M. Troop
Sylvia	Walker	
Deb	Weiler	Deborah P. Weiler
Kathy	Weldy	
Mark	Williams	20017
Joe	Young	
Nancy	Young	20017
Dan	Zucker	Dan Zucker
Donna	Zucker	Donna Zucker
Guenevere	Zucker	Guenevere Zucker
Rachel	Zucker	

Vigina (Ginny) Haase
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Ginny Haase — Not a member
Attendance Sheet

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Attachment # 2 - Budget

EXPENSES

Accounting	3,360
Insurance	258
Supplies & Services	75
Dissolution Services	
Legal Services	10,000
Consulting Services	5,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$18,693</u>

INCOME

Restricted Funds	18,693
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$18,693</u>
NET	<u>\$0</u>